

6. Christiania omegns Phanerogamer og Bregner med Angivelse af deres udbredelse samt en indledning om vegetationens afhængighed af underlaget af A. Blytt.

From Prof. Owen :—

On a new species of *Sthenurus*.

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Description of a new species of *PTILOTIS*, from Torres Straits.

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*PTILOTIS GERMANA*. sp. nov.

*Adult male*. The front and sides of the head, lores, throat and chest, and the margins of the shoulders on the under side, yellow; ear-coverts yellow, with a narrow stripe of black, commencing almost at the angle of the mouth, passing through them, and below which they are of a brighter yellow; under wing-coverts pale buff; chest, breast, and remainder of the under surface pale yellow, indistinctly striped down the centre with dull brown, centre of the abdomen and under tail-coverts citron yellow, the greater series of the under tail-coverts striped down the centre with brown; back of the head, hind neck, and all the upper surface of the body dull brown, with a faint tinge of olive on the rump; wings and tail dark brown all the feathers broadly margined on the outer webs with bright olive yellow; bill black, legs brown.

Total length, 5·5; wings, 3·1; tail, 2·5; tarsi, 0·8; bill from forehead, 0·7; from gape, 0·75.

*Hab.* Torres Straits.

This species comes close to *P. ornatus* (Gould), on the one hand from the stripes of the chest, but has not the blackish lores of that species; on the other hand it resembles *P. flavescens* of the same author, but may be distinguished from it by the dull brown of the back, and stripes on the under surface.

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